

# THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser

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The Bulletin observes that it leads "the whole bunch." The whole bunch of calves?

The Emmeluth resolution forbidding the issuance of building permits in the old Chinatown until the fire limits have been extended there was wisely adopted by the House. Honolulu does not want another colony of tinder shacks built up next to its main business quarter.

When the President of the Senate does not know how to rule on a plain case of Parliamentary law he orders the Sergeant-at-Arms to eject the man who demands a ruling. And yet the Legislature thinks that politicians of the Home Rule party know enough to run a State.

An able legislator introduced a bill yesterday regulating Hawaiian youths who are being educated abroad. It will probably be followed by one defining the time in which Hawaiian tourists may be away from home. For all-round statesmanship the Hawaiian Legislature asks no odds of any other assembly in the land.

We congratulate The Friend and its wise and venerable editor, Rev. Dr. S. E. Bishop, on their leading editorial about the morals of this city. As a discourse to the decent population it is worth all the rest of the literature which the subject has produced. The Friend is, we believe, for sale at the news stands and the edition for March ought to be sold to the last copy.

It is not often that a warship of Austria-Hungary finds its way to this port, though the original Donau, of which the present one is the first successor, made a long stay here thirty years ago. The present visitor is a stanch training ship of 2,500 tons and eight years' service. She is a welcome visitor and her accomplished officers will have no trouble in verifying the good opinions they may have heard about Honolulu hospitality.

Mr. Emmeluth attacked Gov. Dole yesterday with a heat which suggests that he has not forgotten old grievances. When Emmeluth was shouting, "Deport the Queen," and "Hang Wilcox," the prudence and sagacity of the Governor got in his way. The refusal of Mr. Dole to take extreme measures was so distasteful to Mr. Emmeluth that even now, when he has gone over to the Queen and Wilcox, he cannot resist an opportunity to get out before the capitol and throw stones at the Executive windows.

Circuit Court justice: F. D. Haskell, charged with stealing two five-cent cigars from the shop of one Ah Leong, on Punchbowl and Queen streets last October, found guilty of larceny in the second degree and sentenced by the First Circuit Court Judge to two years at hard labor in Oahu prison and to pay the costs incurred. E. S. Gill, indicted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, released on \$500 bail, with a relative of the Judge as security. No wonder the administration of justice in the First Circuit Court has earned the contempt of every honest citizen.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

There is a plan on foot, embraced in a Legislative bill, to have libraries located wherever there are Hawaiian schools. The Star thinks well of the scheme, saying, among other things: "The idea is an eminently good one, and if the Legislature will vote the money, and the money is available, one can have a set of most valuable educational centers throughout the group. The libraries, as projected, are more than mere circulating libraries with lots of novels and stories. They aim at raising the taste of the reading community. The libraries propose to have fiction, the best of fiction, but those who are working for them set their faces strongly against ephemeral fiction. It would be iniquitous to ask any community to pay for detective and burlesque stories. What is wanted is an intellectual regeneration if one can get it."

Assuming that no advocate of the library idea will find it necessary to call in the aid of the American Book Trust in perfecting plans, we wish to commend the policy of making each school, particularly each rural school, a library center for its neighborhood. But it must be admitted that an adequate library for each school would cost a larger sum of money, perhaps, than the Legislature or the taxpayers would be willing to provide, and that, if the "library centers" are to be worth much they should each keep in touch with the best new publications as fast as they may appear. This implies a heavy bill of costs, especially for duplication. However, there is a way out in the direction of traveling libraries such as are used successfully in some Eastern States.

Instead of equipping fifty schools with a set of Dickens or Thackeray apiece, and other standard works on the same basis, a traveling library would confine the purchase to say, two or three sets, which would make the rounds of the various schools at intervals of perhaps a month. To illustrate: Boxes of books would be made up at the Depository and shipped to each school on the list. At the end of the month these volumes would be sent back, the boxes repacked with a fresh supply of books, and the school again provided with reading matter. Coming down to figures, if each one of fifty schools had five hundred books in duplicate, making 25,000 in all, they would be much worse off than if supplied regularly from a central library of 5,000 books, while the taxpayers would be much better off. The plan would permit each school to draw on 5,000 rather than 500 books; the books would be kept in account; they would be mended when out of repair; and one librarian would serve the whole school system.

We have figured on fifty schools, but there are 140 public schools on the Islands. No doubt the Book Trust would take a contract to install a big library in each one of them.

## FIRE CLAIMS AGAIN.

We have received the following interesting letter:

Editor Advertiser: I would thank you to permit me to make a few explanations apropos of your editorial on the fire claims of yesterday, as I fear that you are under a misapprehension. The Japanese claimants do not object to the appointment of a commission to examine and to adjudicate their claims. It is in regard to the methods to be adopted by the proposed commission that the claimants are objecting. They fully realize it is nothing but right that before their claims will be paid, a reliable and competent court or commission must be appointed by the Governor or the Legislature to examine and pass upon them.

The sufferers were given assurances that as soon as the Legislature convened their claims would be promptly adjudicated and the necessary appropriations made to settle them. And now comes a bill introduced in the House entitled, "An Act to Provide for a Commission to Take Evidence Concerning Injuries to Property Caused by the Action of the Board of Health in the Connection with the Suppression of the Bubonic Plague in Honolulu and Elsewhere in This Territory, and by the Conflagration in Honolulu on January 20, 1900, and to Report Thereon." The bill as it reads merely provides for a commission to examine and report thereon to the Governor, but no provision is made to determine and to provide means for paying the claims. According to the proposed bill, it looks as if the matter of determining and making appropriations were left in the hands of the next Legislature, which means two years hence. The sufferers have waited patiently for over a year and through no fault of theirs. The sufferings and hardships they have gone through need no further remarks. They are still fresh in our minds. Why punish and make these innocent people suffer any longer when the opportunity has arrived to bring about a solution of the affair? In justice to the claimants, I request that you will be kind enough to not prejudice their claims. As to the "innumerable frauds," etc., it would be for the commission to find these out. Perhaps it would be better to mention as to the methods pursued by the Japanese claimants in making out their claims. Since the conflagration, a general committee was elected from among the Japanese community, who, with the assistance of the Consul, have worked incessantly to guide the sufferers and to aid them in making out their claims properly. They have taken great pains to prevent any frauds, and I feel convinced that the committee aided by the Japanese Consul, have been sincere in their efforts to do what is just and reasonable. As to "a coolie who owned a red blanket and a pipe," I wish to bear upon the fact that it is one of the characteristics of the Japanese race to be in possession of quite an accumulation of clothing. People who have visited Japan will no doubt notice this striking feature. I hope you will excuse me for interfering in your article. I have done so not with the purpose of entering into controversy and to gain notoriety, but I have done so with the hopes of correcting some misstatement of facts. Yours very truly,

"SMALL MARSH,"  
A Japanese Who Demands Justice and Fair Play.  
Honolulu, March 5, 1901.

I. "The sufferers were given assurances that as soon as the Legislature convened their claims would be promptly adjudicated and the necessary appropriations made to settle them."

How can the Legislature appropriate before it knows how much money the settlement of the claims would require?

II. "The sufferers have waited patiently for over a year and through no fault of theirs. The sufferings and hardships they have gone through need no further remarks. Why punish and make these innocent people suffer any longer when the opportunity has arrived to bring about a solution of the affair?"

The "opportunity" is being taken in the bill providing for an investigation to see what claims should or should not be paid and what proportion of the claimants are innocent of the practices which brought on the plague and compelled the remedy of fire. So far as waiting a year is concerned that is nothing unusual. Estates are sometimes left unsettled for years; lawsuits extend over a similar period, and there are perfectly valid claims before Congress, such as that of the widow of Gen. Fremont, for property unjustly taken from her, which have lingered in committee rooms for half a century.

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How much property does the average Japanese yard boy or cook bring with him to the house where he goes to work? Does he usually have \$25 worth, including his trunk? As to observations in Japan, the writer has made them over a considerable period and he retains an impression of dire poverty among the common people—a view that also prevails here among lookers-on who have seen imported plantation hands disembark from the steamer.

V. "I hope you will excuse me for interfering with your article."

Certainly. Accept the assurance of our distinguished consideration.

We are still waiting, but without hope, for the Gear organs to print the names of the citizens who compose the Investment Company on which the Grand Jury puts its brand.

## MY PART.

The Chief Musician did the chords invent;  
The Chief Musician shaped the instrument;  
He set me in my place before the score,  
I heard the one word, "Play!" He said no more.

He did the air to other hands consign;  
I may not even hint the full design.  
There is no meaning in the notes I play,  
Which I must still rehearse from day to day.

And some who tire of their monotonous tone  
Would have me change to music of my own;  
Full-chorded discord would it better be?  
Let others play it, it is not for me.

But I will strive to render perfect still  
My unmelodious part with patient will;  
So in that concert, grand, remote and far,  
The harmony divine I shall not mar.  
—Ida Ballheim in Living Church.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST.

G. W.'s Laurel Wreath.

"When Washington was proceeding from Mount Vernon to New York in 1793, to be inaugurated as the first President of the United States," recalled a Boston man the other day, "his passage through the several cities en route was made the occasion for magnificent demonstrations, the most notable of which was at Philadelphia. An early historian tells us that General Arthur St. Clair headed the local notables who went out from Philadelphia to meet and receive the President-elect; that the city was filled with people, and that triumphal arches had been erected over many of the streets. While passing bareheaded beneath one of the arches erected for the occasion, the historian tells us, Washington was requested to stop. He did so, and a young woman placed on his brow the laurel wreath of victory. Just imagine some one stopping the inaugural procession next 4th of March and placing laurel wreath of victory."

## The Destructive Snowslide.

A snowslide in the Rocky mountains is more terrible, almost, than flood or fire," said a Colorado man the other day. "When a million tons or so of snow start down a mountain side it could be stopped about as easily as a man could stop the rising of the sun. And a snowslide is a pretty thorough workman, too. It doesn't leave much standing in its path. I have seen several slides which were comparatively small, but they were big enough to make my hair stand on end. Immense trees were rooted up and giant bowlders displaced with as little ceremony as though they had been blades of grass. It is very rare, however, that loss of life attends a snowslide. People have learned where they are apt to occur, and don't build their towns and cities in the way."

## Jamaica Ginger Jags.

Jamaica ginger is used in quantities in certain local option towns of Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania by old toppers, in the place of whisky or other liquors. If it is good Jamaica ginger, there is small harm done. But it is not always good. Alcohol plays a prominent part in the makeup of this ginger, and unscrupulous manufacturers have been substituting for pure alcohol, wood alcohol, which costs a third as much. The result of taking this into the system is to induce blindness. An increasing number of cases in which ginger drinkers have lost their sight has been reported from the localities named.

## Britain's Out-of-Date Rail Service.

Kipling has found time to administer some of his sharp pen pricks to the antiquated railroad accommodations of Great Britain, and he winds up by suggesting that all those who have a grievance against the railroad management should write to each director personally and keep on writing until the directors became distracted. Next he proposes that billboards be erected by the side of the tracks and covered with sarcastic placards in large letters, and, finally, that when by accident a train arrives on time the public should overwhelm the company with mock applause.

## Petroleum Drinking Common.

The Medical Society of Paris declares that it is necessary to adopt some measure against the alarming spread of petroleum drinking. At first it was thought that this habit had sprung up from the increased taxation on alcohol imposed by the French government, but an investigation showed that this was not the case; the habit had been prevalent some time previously in certain districts, and has spread with great rapidity.

## Bond Clipping on a Large Scale.

There are, it is said, many wealthy citizens of Boston whose possession of coupon bonds is so large that they find it necessary to employ clerical help to clip their coupons as often as they become due. One millionaire resident of Boston gives employment to an expert clipper every quarter for a full month, the time being fully occupied for that period in detaching the coupons of the securities belonging to his employer and getting them cashed.

## Willing to Be Accommodating.

They tell in London of an impecunious nobleman who once wrote to the late Sam Lewis, the money lender, inviting him to dinner. Lewis replied thus: "My Dear Lord—: I am sorry that I shall not be able to accept your invitation to dinner. If, however, you will tell me the amount you require I will see what I can do for you."

## One Queen Who Could Spell.

Victoria was a stickler for good spelling. All queens and most untitled members of the sex are believed to be superior to petty considerations of orthography, but in her own case inter-bank official correspondence for laxity in spelling. Sir Arthur Elgess prescribes one of her formal reprimands.

## Undyed Black Cloth.

Black woolen cloth in which absolutely no dye has been used is the result of an experiment at Austerlitz, N. Y. G. W. Peterson has been successful in raising a flock of only black sheep. Their wool has been carefully saved, spun and woven into cloth which is a rich brown black in color.

## Why Policemen Sleep.

A policeman in Altoona, Pa., dreamed the other night that he saw a man robbing a planing mill, and when he reported for duty in the morning he learned that during the night a burglar had actually robbed a planing mill.

## Leg Cut Off Six Times.

Edward Conrad, a railroad gateman, of Allegheny, Pa., suffered an injury some years ago which made it necessary to amputate one of his legs. Since then he has had five accidents, in each of which his artificial leg was cut off.

## Would Proscribe Sunflowers.

A bill before the Legislature of Nebraska declares sunflowers and cockleburs a public nuisance, and makes it the duty of every owner of land to destroy them between August 15 and September 1 of each year.

## A Santa Ana Surveyor.

Daniel Moulton of Lewistown, Me., is one of the few surviving friends of "Sam" Houston. His recollections of Santa Ana are vivid and he has a large collection of letters written by Houston and his friends.

## The Queen a Doctor of Music.

Queen Alexandra, wife of the new British sovereign, has from girlhood been an accomplished musician, and for years ago received from Trinity College, Dublin, the degree of doctor of music.

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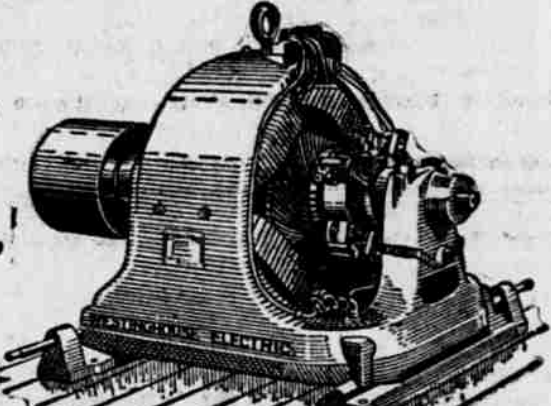
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